

**Minutes of the Saskatoon Writers' Coop
Ninth Annual General Meeting**

The Gallery, The Refinery, 609 Dufferin Avenue, Saskatoon SK
Thursday, March 17, 2011 7:00 p.m.

Board members in attendance: Jeff Smith (VP, acting Chair), Gary Chappell (Treasurer), Jim Weseen (Past president), Karen Millard, Carmen Davies, Kristina Komendant

Board members absent: Dave Schultz (Sec'y), Peter Jonker (Pres.) (apologies), Jo Oliver (apologies)

Members present: Including board members, 24 members were in attendance. Coop bylaws state that 12 voting members constitute a quorum.

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by VP Jeff Smith, acting Chair in absence of the President). Chair appointed Jim Weseen as acting Secretary in the absence of the Secretary).

All members present received copies of the president's report presented during the meeting. Other documents (2010 Financial Statement, 2010 AGM minutes) were made available for viewing and read during the meeting.

2. Approval of agenda: Chair asked for additions to the agenda; none were forthcoming. Chair declared agenda approved.

3. Notices of motion to amend articles or bylaws: None.

4. Minutes of the March 24, 2010, AGM: Motion – Gary Chappell/Chander Behl that the minutes be approved as presented. Carried.

5a. President's report: Chair presented the President's report, including a report on membership (150). The complete report is attached to the official copy of these minutes and is available on the Coop Website, www.writerscoop.org. Chair expressed the Coop's appreciation to retired board members Janice Salkeld (in absentia), Carrie Prefontaine (in absentia), Dayna Fesciuc (in absentia). In addition Jeff expressed appreciation to Coop volunteer Darla Tenold for her continued volunteer work on the Coaching Program. Jeff also hinted at a future announcement of a self-publishing initiative (still under wraps).

5c. Treasurer's report: Treasurer Gary Chappell presented the Annual Financial Statement for 2010. Balance as of December 31, 2010, was \$6,756.98, an increase of \$533.51 from last year. The complete report is attached to the official copy of these minutes and is available on the Coop Website, www.writerscoop.org.

Motion – Don Reimer/Jaime Pinilla that the 2010 Annual Financial Report be

approved as presented. Carried.

6. Motion to Waive Audit and Review: by the provisions of the Non-Profit Corporations Act (1995, rev. 2010) and Coop bylaws, for organizations with annual revenues of less than \$25,000 an audit and/or a formal review of accounts may be waived by a 2/3 majority vote at the AGM.

Motion – Karen Millard/Carmen Davies that the audit and review both be waived. Carried, none opposed.

7. Board Elections: Coop bylaws allow for a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 15 board members. The following current board members were presented as having agreed to stand for re-election to the board: Gary Chappell, Peter Jonker, Jo Oliver, Jeff Smith, Jim Weseen, Kristina Komendant, and Dave Schultz. The following Coop members completing partial terms were presented as having agreed to stand for election to the board: Carmen Davies, Karen Millard.

The Chair called for nominations from the floor. Kristina Komendant nominated Cali Hastings and Bonnie Hastings.

After determining that no further nominations were forthcoming, Chair declared nominations cease.

The total number of nominees (11) being less than the maximum allowable board size (15), Chair declared all nominees elected, and gave notice of the next board meeting (organizational meeting), to be held Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., place to be determined.

8. New business: None.

9. Adjournment:

Motion: Gary Chappell that the meeting be adjourned. Carried. Time 7:40 p.m.

The meeting was followed by an announcement by Wes Funk that he will be hosting a half-hour weekly literary show on local Shaw Cable, and is seeking writers to interview. Also that he and Jacqueline Moore are co-hosting a round-table on self-publishing at McNally Robinson March 30, 2011, 7:30 p.m.

Following that, the social part of the evening ensued, with a keynote address by Charles Hamilton on spoken-word poetry, poetry slams, and the art of delivering a poem as performance.

Food, punch, and fermented beverages were provided by the Coop.